(iv) Issue passes free of charge to keep count of people visiting Sannidanam, and regulate the number of pilgrims.

Endangered species of fish

2105. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study had been initiated before enlisting nine species of fish as endangered and imposing ban under the Wildlife Protection Act during December, 2001;

(b) the details of steps taken to identify the species, fishermen netted, before they were hauled on board;

(c) whether there is any project for alternate livelihood to local fishermen, before imposing this ban; and

(d) whether there is any scheme to solve the problems of fishermen of Lakshadweep Island, whose main livelihood is fishing, before enforcing the above ban?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The decision to include nine species of elasmobranchs in Schedule I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 was based on the threat assessment made by the IUCN (World Conservation Union).

(b) Experts in the field of fisheries are of the view that it is possible to prevent certain species from being netted by changing the design of the gears used by fishermen.

(c) and (d) The fishing data reveals that nine species constitute only a very small proprotion of total fish catch in the country and as such would not affect the livelihood of fishermen including those of Lakshadweep Islands.

Environment Hazard of Industrial Wastes

2106. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that industrial wastes of highly persistent nature are causing danger to life and environment;

(b) if so, the details of such industries in the country which have been notified by the authorities, State-wise; and

(c) the details of cases filed against such industries and of the convictions, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) In order to prioritise the actions to be taken for control of pollution due to discharge of industrial wastes including those of persistent nature, 17 categories of highly pulluting industries have been identified. At present there are 1551 industrial units falling under these categories. These are regularly monitored by the State Pollution Control Boards for ensuring their compliance with the stipulated standards. Due to such regular monitoring and follow-up there are only 24 industrial units at present which are not meeting the stipulated standards. Legal action has been taken against all the defaulters and the cases are being heard in various courts of the country. The State/UT wise list of defaulting industries is enclosed.

Statement

Regarding Environment Hazard of Industrial Wastes

State/UT wise list of Defaulting Units

S.No.	State/UT	Name and Address of the Unit
1	2	3
01.	Andhra Pradesh	1. M/s Kothagundem Thermal Power Station, Paloncha, Khammam Distt. A.P.
02.	Assam	1. M/s Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station, Bongaigaon, Assam
03.	Bihar	1. M/s Patratu Thermal Power Station, Patratu, Hazaribag, Bihar
		2. M/s Bokaro Thermal Power Plant (DVC) B, Bokaro, Bihar
04.	Madhya Pradesh	1. M/s Cox Distillery Naugaon, Chattarpur, Chattisgarh
		2. M/s Chhatisgarh Distillery, Khapri, Kunhari Durg, Chhatisgarh
		3. M/s Bhilai Steel Plant, Bhilai, Chhatisgarh
		4. M/s Gawalior Sugar Co., Gawalior, M.P.
		5. M/s Satpura Thermal Power Station, Baitul, M.P.

1	2	3
05.	Maharashtra	1. M/s Chandrapur Super Thermal Power Station, Distt. Chandrapur, Maharashtra
		2. M/s Koradi Thermal Power Station, Koradi, Distt. Nagpur, Maharashtra
		3. M/s Nashik Thermal Power Station, P.O. Eklahare, Maharashtra
		4. M/s Bhusawal Thermal Power Station, Deep Nagar, Maharashtra
		5. M/s Parli Vaijnath Thermal Power Station, Beed, Maharashtra
06.	Orissa	1. M/s Paradip Phosphates Ltd. P.O. PPL Township, Paradip, Orissa
		2. M/s Rourkela Steel Plant, Rourkela, Distt. Sundergarh, Orissa
		3. M/s Aska Co-operative Sugar & Chemicals Ltd., Aska, Orissa
		4 M/s Talcher Thermal Power Station, Distt. Angul, Orissa
07.	Uttar Pradesh	1. M/s Obra Thermal Power Station, Unit B, Sonebhadra, U.P.
		2. M/s Obra Thermal Power Station, Unit A, Sonebhadra, U.P.
		3. M/s Hardwarganj Thermal Power Project, Kasimpur, Aligarh, U.P.
08.	West Bengal	1. M/s Indian Iron & Steel Company, Burdwan, W.B.
		2. M/s Durgapur Steel Plant, Durgapur, W.B.
		3. M/s Durgapur Thermal Power Station, Damodar Valley Corporation, Burdwan, W.B.